Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government asked the officer concerned whether he is prepared to work on a lower salary at the time of revising his agreement ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

Gratuity.

25. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the amount of gratuity given by them in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*b*) the amount spent by them outside the State in each year during the last twelve years ;

(*c*) whether any monthly allowance, in addition to gratuity, is being given to children of officers ;

(*d*) the principle on which this is given ; and

(*e*) whether they will lay on the table a yearly statement of expenditure incurred by them on this account during the last twelve years ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether, after the introduction of the gratuity scheme, Government have given any family pension ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: No, so far as I am aware.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether any family pension was granted during 1111 to the children of officers ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: In the answer it is stated that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility. I want to know whether utility means *utility* to the member who wants information or to the Government ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: To all concerned.

Mistakes in the budget.

26. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any mistake in the budget submitted before the Houses of the Legislature by the Financial Secretary.

(*b*) if so, what was the amount of difference and how it happened ; and

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(*c*) whether explanation has been called for from those who were responsible for it?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 40,000. This amount was originally included by the Chief Engineer in his departmental budget for water-supply installation in Government buildings, etc. When the Government order for the separation of Water Works and Drainage Department from the Public Works Department was received, the preliminary edition of the budget was in the proof stage. This amount was separately provided under the new minor head 29 D.—Buildings, Communications, etc. But, as there was very little time for printing the preliminary edition after the sittings of the Finance Committee, the original provision under Buildings-Original in the body of the budget was left alone by over-sight.

(*c*) This mistake was detected by the Financial Secretary when the budget was scrutinised before printing the final edition and the excess provision was retained in the final edition as Reserve with Government. This explanation offered was accepted by Government.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അതിലേക്കുള്ള സമാധാനം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur A Rengasvami Aiyar: അതു് ക്ലറിക്കൽ മിസ്റ്റേക്കാണു്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അതിലേക്കു താക്കീതു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar: താക്കീതു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Primary education.

27. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have stated that all the subjects of this country would be given free primary education; and

(*b*) whether they have already admitted that, in the matter of encouraging primary education, enhancing the pay of the teachers of grant-in-aid schools was the best method?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) Government have stated that everything practicable is being done to make primary education universal.

(*b*) No.

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